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Amendments To The Claims:

Claims 1-37. (Canceled)

Claim 38. (New) A stent having a longitudinal axis comprising a plurality of segments, including at least one segment which is in the form of a coil and connected to at least one serpentine segment, the serpentine segment forming an annular ring about the longitudinal axis of the stent.

Claim 39. (New) The stent of claim 38 having a first end segment and a second end segment, wherein each of the first and second end segments is an expandable serpentine segment.

Claim 40. (New) The stent of claim 39 comprising only one segment which is in the form of a coil and which connects the first and second end segments.

Claim 41. (New) The stent of claim 40 wherein the first and second end segments are self-expandable.

Claim 42. (New) The stent of claim 41 wherein the first and second end segments are each formed of a plurality of braided filaments.

Claim 43. (New) The stent of claim 42 wherein the filaments are made of spring steel.

Claim 44. (New) The stent of claim 40 wherein the first and second end segments are balloon expandable.

Claim 45. (New) The stent of claim 38 wherein the segment which is in the form of a coil is made of spring steel.

Claim 46. (New) A stent comprising a coil segment and a tubular, serpentine segment.

Claim 47. (New) The stent of claim 46 wherein the tubular, serpentine segment is balloon expandable.

Claim 48. (New) The stent of claim 46 wherein the tubular, serpentine segment is self-expandable.

Claim 49. (New) The stent of claim 46 having a first end and a second end, the first end being a tubular, serpentine segment and the second end being a tubular, serpentine segment.

Claim 50. (New) The stent of claim 46 where the coil segment is made of spring steel.

Claim 51. (New) The stent of claim 46 wherein the coil segment has an outer diameter of no more than 6 mm when deployed.

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Claim 52. (New) The stent of claim 51 having an outer diameter of no more than 6 mm when deployed.

Claim 53. (New) The stent of claim 51 having a length of no more than 20 mm.

Claim 54. (New) A stent comprising a plurality of segments, including at least one segment which is in the form of a coil and a first end segment and a second end segment which are self-expandable and in a form other than a coil, the first end segment and the second end segment being formed of a plurality of braided filaments.

Claim 55. (New) The stent of claim 54 wherein the filaments are made of spring steel.

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